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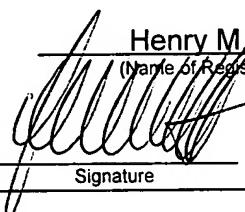
In re Application of:	)
GERHARD VÖLKEL & ANDREAS RIEKES	)
Appl. No.: 10/537,554	)
Filed: June 28, 2005	)
For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR DRILLING A CHANNEL	)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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SIR:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of attention of the Examiner to the references listed on enclosed form PTO-1449 which were cited in the instant specification and in the International Search Report issued by the European Patent Office with regard to the corresponding International patent application No. PCT/EP2003/013789, respectively. Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

- This Information Disclosure Statement is filed within three months of the filing date of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under 1.53(d), so that no fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.97 is due.
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In order to satisfy the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance of each item of information, applicant herewith submits a copy of the International Search Report. In addition, applicant notes with respect to any information that is not in English language as follows:

German Pat. No. DE 198 20 483 describes a method and apparatus for establishing controlled building outlets. The outer wall (20) of the building (10) is drilled through, using a drilling device with a controllable rock and concrete drill head. A completely controlled bore is made up to the main conduit (16). The conduit to be laid is connected to the drill rod (42). The drill rod is then drawn backwards to the drilling apparatus until the conduit in the building is reached. The bore crown for concrete and rock drilling can be replaced by one (38) for soft soil which is remotely controlled. The main conduit (16) is accessible via a connecting ditch (28).

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initial	Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date, if appropriate
	4,679,637	07-14-1987	Cherrington et al.			
	4,422,800	12-27-1983	Parish			

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	EP 0 955 444 A	11-10-1999	Europe			no
	EP 0 578 034 A	01-12-1994	Europe			no
	DE 18 11 421 A	06-18-1970	Germany			no
	DE 198 20 483	04-27-2000	Germany			no

**OTHER DOCUMENTS** (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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